

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ROBERT BARTLETT, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

– against –

SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE DE BANQUE AU LIBAN
SAL, et al,

Defendants.
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No. 1:19-cv-00007-CBA-TAM

**JOINT STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] ORDER
EXTENDING TIME TO RESPOND TO LETTER ROGATORY**

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2023, this Court issued an order providing, *inter alia*, that the deadline for Lebanese authorities to respond to any Letters Rogatory would be “eight (8) months from the date the Court issues the Letters Rogatory”;

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2023, this Court issued a Request for International Judicial Assistance (Letter Rogatory), and so the deadline for the Lebanese authorities to respond is Monday, April 15, 2024;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2024, the Moving Defendants provided this Court and Plaintiffs with a copy of a letter from Lebanon’s Minister of Justice, Judge Henri Khoury, dated March 28, 2024, which explains that the Letter Rogatory requesting international judicial assistance did not reach the Lebanese Ministry of Justice until February 2, 2024, and requests that the deadline to respond to the Letter Rogatory be extended by three months, given the “Ministry’s heavy schedule under the prevailing circumstances in the region and the country and the necessity of engaging with various government agencies in this process”;

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2024, Plaintiffs advised the Court that they do not object to the Lebanese Ministry of Justice's request to extend the Lebanese authorities' deadline to Monday, July 15, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, it is stipulated and agreed between the parties hereto and their undersigned counsel that the deadline for Lebanese authorities to respond to the Letter Rogatory is extended by three months to Monday, July 15, 2024.

Dated: April 11, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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So ordered this _____ day of _____, 2024

Hon. Taryn A. Merkl
United States Magistrate Judge